

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20904

The purpose of this legislation is to adopt a Concurrent Resolution approving an application to appropriate water for Minimum Lake level purposes by the Idaho Water Resource Board, pursuant to Title 42, Chapter of the 15 Idaho Code. Provisions of Section 42-1503 establish that an approved Minimum Streamflow or Lake Level application shall not become finally effective until affirmatively acted upon by the legislature, except that if the legislature fails to act prior to the end of the regular session to which the application was submitted, the application shall be considered approved. On January 15, 2010 the Idaho Department of Water Resources issued a Preliminary Order approving a minimum lake level water right application on Cocolalla Lake. The preliminary Order became final on January 29, 2011 authorizing the appropriation of water. The Minimum Lake Level water right was requested by property owners in the Cocolalla Lake area, through the Cocolalla Lake Association, for the purposes of preserving aesthetics, water quality, and recreational uses.

FISCAL NOTE

No impact to the general fund.

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